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SUBJECT: GENSCHER VISIT TO MADRID

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUHFUS INFORMED EMBASSY APRIL 9 THAT, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MADRID, GENSCHER HAD STRESSED TO SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER THE DESIRABILITY OF NOT PRESSING THE US HARD IN THE CURRENT BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDING TO RUHFUS, WHO ACCOMPANIED GENSCHER, THE LATTER MADE A POINT WITH HIS SPANISH COUNTERPART OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE US-SPANISH BILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS TO THE ENTIRE WEST. THE US-SPANISH RELATIONSHIP WAS ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE WHOLE SOUTHERN FLANK AREA, PARTICULARLY PORTUGAL. IN LIGHT OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS GENSCHER URGED MODERATION ON THE SPANIARDS. RUHFUS CONVEYED THAT GENSCHER HAD SUGGESTED TO THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER THAT HE CONSIDER SCALING DOWN SPANISH OBJECTIVES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, POSSIBLY IN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH MIGHT HAVE A SHORTER DURATION THAN PAST AGREEMENTS.

2. THE SPANISH SIDE MERELY NOTED GENSCHER'S VIEWS, WITHOUT COMMENT.

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